



WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 5, 1908.

SENATOR W. B. ALLISON, the oldest United States senator in point of continuous service, died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, yesterday afternoon. His death removes from the senate one of its most influential members. He was one of the three or four senators who by their long service, their attention to the laborious details of legislative work, have come to exercise leadership on the republican side of the upper house. He was by no means a great man but had a good business head which he used to advantage. Mr. Allison had been a senator for thirty-five years, a longer time than any other man has served in that body, and the men who shared with him the leadership of the senate rank closed to him in length of their services. He was a man of patient industry, persistent in his attention to the routine of legislation; was practically always in his seat at the session of the senate, and his vote was sure to be recorded upon every important question, while no one worked harder than he in the committee room. Senator Allison's influence was potent in all matters of legislation, but he specialized in finance and as chairman of the appropriations committee he made his knowledge of government most effective. He was a strong party man, but a great man to adjust differences between his own side of the senate and the democratic or between different factions of his own party.

RETURNS from several provinces in the so-called republic of Panama show the election of Obaldia to have been unanimous. The presence of United States marines led to the withdrawal of the other candidate, and his supporters simply stayed away from the polls. It is thus that the great republic of the west teaches the lesson of self-government to the province which it upstaged from Colombia in defiance of a treaty by which it was bound to maintain the integrity of that republic. The New York Tribune explained that the marines performed no function in the election except to assure order; that the Washington authorities did not care which candidate was elected, but were determined to have a peaceful election. But, adds the Philadelphia Record, the man whom the Washington authorities favored stayed in the race and the other man took himself out, from which the inference is that Obaldia would have used force against his rival and that would have constituted the disorder the marines were to prevent.

FOR the past three weeks the Washington health authorities have been conducting a crusade against unclean lunch rooms and hotels. They have invaded the kitchens of nearly every public eating place in the District of Columbia. Filthy conditions almost unbelievable were found in many of the so-called first class restaurants. A number of proprietors have been arrested and fined, and others have been forced to quit business. All have been ordered to put their kitchens in proper condition if they wish to continue serving the public. Clubs and even boarding houses have not been exempt from the operations of the official microbe chasers.

AS STATED in the Gazette of that day Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith, of Richmond, president of the State Bar Association, now in session at Hot Springs, yesterday informed Mr. Taft that he would support him at the coming presidential election. Mr. Meredith took advantage of his position to gain a little cheap notoriety and that is all he accomplished. He has never voted for Mr. Bryan so his vote will be no loss to the democratic party, and it is more than probable that not a man in Virginia cares a continental whether he votes the republican ticket or not.

BRITISH COLUMBIA is mourning a disaster of enormous extent, the most serious forest fires it has ever experienced and among the most serious that have occurred on this continent, though many years ago there were fires in Minnesota and Michigan which destroyed several villages. Most of the population, however, escaped. The present fires have swept over the country very rapidly, so that there has been an appalling loss of life and thousands of people are homeless while the property loss will reach many millions dollars.

THE summer exodus from this city is at its flood now and, during the past week, men and women, old and young, have been fleeing themselves to the summer resorts, either at the sea shore or in the mountains or just going to the plain country. It is dollars to doughnuts that at least half of these city people would have been more comfortable at home and on their return will so express themselves.

GEN. LUKE WRIGHT, who has swallowed the republican hook, also swallowed the line and sinker. Although

his veracity has been brought into question by the president in the Military Academy cadet dismissal case he states that whatever Mr. Roosevelt says is right. When men of mature age change their politics they need watching. Again everybody lies but Roosevelt.

The eight cadets dismissed from West Point would be pleased to know just what they are "at." All information tendered will be regarded as strictly confidential.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Aug. 5.

The first complaint against the proposed railroad freight rate advance was received at the Interstate Commerce Commission today, from nearly half a hundred grocers, merchants, jobbers and other business men in South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee charging the existence of an illegal combination of railroad interests in the so-called southeastern freight association territory. The complaint specifically charges that a monster combine of railroads, banded together as the Southeastern Freight Association and the Mississippi Valley Southeastern Freight Association, and constituting in effect a single railroad system controlling every carrier 73 in all in the southeast, have taken advantage of the panic conditions of the early part of the year, and now, when the complainants aver normal conditions are restored, seek to force exorbitant rates under the guise of changed business conditions.

Major John H. Russell and the eleven men of the Marine Corps, who were bitten by a rabid dog, on the canal, twelve days ago, and who have been brought to the naval hospital here, to undergo the Pasteur treatment, are all doing nicely, according to a report by Medical Director Harmon, in charge of the hospital. He states that there are yet no symptoms of hydrophobia.

U. S. District Attorney Daniel W. Baker, of Washington, and a party of friends had a thrilling experience on Walnut Mountain, near Liberty, N. Y., when an automobile in which they were riding plunged into a ravine fifty feet deep. Mr. Baker and his friends were cut and bruised, but none of them seriously injured.

The American National Red Cross Association today sent \$1,000 to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, as its contribution in aid of the sufferers from the forest fires in British Columbia.

### FREDERICKSBURG IS REALLY DRY.

At the hour of midnight last night all the saloons in Fredericksburg closed their doors for an indefinite period as a result of the local option election held May 5, the 90-day period in which they had to dispose of their stock having expired. For the past week the jug and bottle trade had been enormous. All of yesterday the town was filled with country people, who came especially for the purpose of laying in their supply. Considering the fact that it was the last day there was no disorder, and very few drunks.

Whether the saloons will open again in the near future rests with Judge John F. Goolrick, of the Corporation Court, who will render his decision in the test case on Thursday. It is the general opinion that the judge will decide in favor of the "dry." If he should decide in favor of the "wets," the opposing side will secure an injunction preventing the opening of the saloons until the case is decided by the Supreme Court of this state.

### SENATOR ALLISON DEAD.

United States Senator W. B. Allison died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, yesterday afternoon. The end came as a result of a serious sinking spell due to a prostatic enlargement complicated with kidney disease and during a period of unconsciousness which had lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Two weeks ago the senator left his home in Dubuque to escape the heat. He went to the home of Mrs. Fannie Stout, a friend of the family, living on the Asbury road, a few miles from town. For a few days his condition seemed to improve, but he later began to grow worse. Saturday morning the senator was brought back home.

News of the serious illness of the senator was kept from the public as much as possible, and his death came as a surprise to his friends.

Senator Allison had been a sufferer for a number of years. For the last two years he had required mechanical relief daily, and was regularly visited by physicians.

William Boyd Allison was born at Perry, Ohio, March 2, 1829. His early life was typical of the hardships and struggles that every pioneer farmer's boy had to endure three-quarters of a century ago. He was born in a rude log house, and when old enough was put to work on the farm, which his father was carving out of the wilderness. He attended school during the winter months, was educated at Western Reserve College; studied law and practiced until he removed to Iowa, and aided in organizing volunteers in the beginning of the civil war; was elected a representative in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses, and was elected to the United States Senate, to succeed James Harlan; took his seat March 4, 1873, and was re-elected in 1879, 1884, 1887, 1890, 1896, and 1902. His term of service would have expired March 3, 1909.

### BOY RESCUED BY DOG.

A dog belonging to the family of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Clark, about two miles from Denton, Md., went to the rescue of Lee, their 12-year-old son, yesterday evening, who was being attacked by an infuriated bull, perhaps saving the child from instant death.

It was the milking hour and the little fellow had gone into the cattle pen. The bull sprang at him and knocked him down. The dog at once sprang upon the bull, and during the fierce fight which ensued between the bull and the dog the child escaped from the pen.

Dr. P. R. Fisher, of Denton, was summoned and attended to the injuries of the boy, who, though badly bruised about the body and having one rib broken from the attack of the vicious beast, will recover.

The bank at Austin, Nev., and the People's Bank at Union, S. O., have closed.

### Virginia News.

The Virginia Bar Association today at Hot Springs elected Capt. Micaiah Wood, of Charlottesville, president for the coming year. Captain Wood won fame by prosecuting Mayor Samuel McCue, of Charlottesville, who was hanged for wife murder.

John Adams and John Sams, negroes, fought a duel with pistols yesterday at a Baptist meeting near Whitwell, Pittsylvania county. Both were killed.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Reginald W. Kidwell, and Mary E. Madden, both of Fairfax county.

Governor Swanson yesterday refused to commute the sentence of Lee Strother, colored, convicted of attempted criminal assault upon a young woman of Madison county and sentenced to death.

After sickness lasting 22 years, Miss Mary Catherine Jenkins, of Winchester, died yesterday aged 72 years. She leaves one brother, David Jenkins, of Millwood, Clarke county.

Edward Campbell Mead, 78 years old, the widely known literary man of Keewick, died Monday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. R. Hewitt, in Asheville, N. C. His funeral took place at Keewick this evening.

Mrs. Nettie Cook, of Winchester, died Monday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Luther Snapp, at Rest Frederick county, where she was visiting. She was the widow of Blair Cook.

At Front Royal yesterday Justice Beatty held Southern Railroad Detective Padkey, charged with the shooting of George and Raymond Trumbo, at Linden, on July 16 last, for the grand jury.

James H. Price, Jr., of Russell county, a Confederate veteran, aged 69, sentenced to death for the murder of S. S. Rhodes, had his sentence commuted yesterday by the governor to life imprisonment.

Charles Broomfield, of Roanoke, while ascending to the top of a well, yesterday, clinging to a rope, lost his grip and fell to the bottom, a distance of 20 feet, striking on his head. He died in a few minutes.

R. E. Connelly charged with having shot at Miss Katie Beelman, with intent to kill, in a Richmond store last week, waived examination in police court there yesterday and the case was sent to the grand jury.

Justice Barnard, acting chief justice of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, yesterday honored the requisition of Gov. Swanson for the return to Loudoun county of Samuel O. Cohen. Cohen is wanted for the theft of a horse.

A. Jett, of Tibbets, member of the House of Delegates from Westmoreland, Lancaster, and Northumberland counties, was attacked yesterday by a vicious bull and his arm and one rib were broken. The animal just a few hours previous gored a valuable horse belonging to Mr. Jett.

Mr. Wilbur R. Kent, formerly of this city, died at his home in Richmond Sunday after brief illness of meningitis. Mr. Kent was 33 years old. A few years ago he married Miss Ella Lear, of Warrenton, who was two small children survive him. The body was taken to Warrenton yesterday for interment.

Only \$200 was bid Monday for the franchise offered for sale by Staunton for the right to operate an electric-light and power plant and run street cars. The bid was made by J. M. Spotts, who owns the present plant, operated as the Blue Ridge Light and Power Company. The franchise is practically a renewal.

It is announced by Col. E. M. Weaver, of the militia division of the War Department, that the organized militia of Virginia will get \$47,114.25 as its share of the budget for 1909. Regulations for the distribution of funds and supplies will be strictly observed in the allotment for the various States and Territories. The total appropriated for the militia was \$2,000,000.

David K. Brockhous, a Confederate veteran who served as a member of the Sixty-second Virginia infantry, was four times severely wounded, and who refused to surrender at Appomattox, leaving to join Johnston's army, passed away near Mount Sidney, yesterday, aged 69. He leaves four sons and two daughters.

Acting Chancellor A. N. Shoun, of Bristol, has granted judgment against the defendant for \$40,000 in the case of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company vs. The James Strong Lumber Company, for purchase money in connection with a timber boundary in Carter county, Tenn. An appeal will be taken. While returning home from church Sunday night Graham Parker, Alfred Faulconer and Mr. Kennedy were attacked by about 10 men when they were near "the Wilderness" in Spottsylvania county. Mr. Faulconer was struck with a stone and it is feared that his skull is fractured. Several of the attacking party are known and their arrest is expected.

Along in her home in Prentiss Park, Portsmouth, yesterday, Mrs. Albert Powell, aged 65 years, was attacked by a negro, who choked and beat her into insensibility and then robbed her of \$13. The man fled and has not been captured. The negro walked up to the aged lady and grabbed her by the throat with such violence that she had no chance to scream. Bestial and kicking her, he left her on the floor for dead, while he ransacked the house for money. As he left he locked all the doors and took the keys with him. After regaining consciousness, Mrs. Powell crawled through a window and gave the alarm.

### The Pennsylvania Railroad.

New York Aug. 5.—Wall street was stirred today by rumors that a big split in the heads of the Pennsylvania Railroad is to be followed by the resignation of its president, James McCrea, and the assumption of his office by the vice-president, James Res, within sixty days. The trouble in the Pennsylvania which is said to have brewing a long time, is alleged to have come to a head a week ago at a meeting of the Board of Directors. President McCrea, it is said, was then taken to task for making a freight contract with the New York Central which will lose for the Pennsylvania a million and a half a year. It is also declared that Mr. McCrea's inability to make loans as did his predecessor, A. J. Cassatt, has cost him the support of the directors, and has resulted in his downfall.

Gov. Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, last night announced himself as a candidate to succeed United States Senator Allison, who died yesterday.

### News of the Day.

Willard S. Dill, proprietor of the Armstrong Hotel at Chestertown, Md., died of Bright's disease yesterday.

Bronson Howard, the playwright, died yesterday at Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J., from heart trouble, aged 66 years.

Emperor Williams' new style of wearing his mustache caused a sentry at one of the forts to refuse to pass him.

Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Farley, Bishop Foley and other prelates now in Rome, yesterday sent the pope congratulations on his fifth anniversary as pontiff.

It is now said that the deaths in the Kootenai Valley, B. C., fire will not exceed 75 and the loss to property will not be more than \$7,000,000.

Indications are of a landslide for Bristol for U. S. senator from Kansas. He defeated Senator Long in the State primary elections.

Soriano, provincial governor of Ilcos Moriek, Larón, has sent an expression of sympathy upon the death of former President Cleveland.

Two men were cut in a fight yesterday at Spring Gardens, Baltimore, and two Italians are held at Mount Vernon Police Station, charged with the stabbing.

Mr. Mason L. W. Williams, of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, says the cotton crop of the south is the biggest for years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oden, widow of Nathaniel Oden, was run down and instantly killed by the Blue Mountain Express at Chewaville Station, Md., yesterday.

Count Zeppelin's airship, in an effort to make a twenty-four hour flight yesterday, reached Mayence and after a slight delay for repairs started back for Lake Constance.

Winfield Scott Smyth, known to educators throughout the country as a publisher of school text books, died at Southaven, Mich., yesterday.

Charles K. Osborne, of Virginia, and Ernest H. Barber, of Kentucky, were admitted as midshipmen at Annapolis yesterday.

The Atlantic Biscuit Company, an independent corporation for making crackers, cakes and other food stuffs, with a plant at Baltimore, went into the hands of receivers yesterday with its consent.

Walter Keys, aged 23 years, of Baltimore, was sentenced to 10 years in the city jail yesterday morning by Justice Garland on the charge of felonious assault on Frieda Sacks, aged 17 years.

John Barry and William Merchant, of Baltimore, the two boys arrested in Cleveland, O., for robbing the A. G. Alford Sporting Goods Company, were brought to Baltimore yesterday.

Fire destroyed the large barn of the Hintin Livery Company, at Hinton, W. Va., yesterday. Thirty-seven valuable driving horses were burned to death.

Pulled under the water by a big snapping turtle, George Haugh, 10-years-old, of Philadelphia, had a narrow escape yesterday from drowning in the Schuylkill river, at West Manayunk, while in swimming.

Major Charles Curtis Macconell, U. S. A. (ret'd), died at the Massasoit Hotel, at Narragansett Pier, R. I., yesterday at the age of 68 years. Major Macconell served throughout the civil war, and was on the staff of General Sheridan.

Charles W. Westerfield, 22 years old, an assistant bookkeeper of the Produce Exchange Bank, New York, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in the book vault of the bank yesterday afternoon, just as two checks bearing his signature were presented at the paying teller's window.

Minnie Wickreham, nineteen years old, of Philadelphia, had a terrible experience Sunday night while walking in the botanical gardens of the University of Pennsylvania. She was attacked by an army of bats, which flew into her face and one of which became entangled in her hair. Hysterical from fright, the young woman ran, turning in at the University Hospital. At the top step she slipped and fell, fracturing one of her arms.

Mrs. Emily Wood, wife of Dr. Ora Alphonso Wood, a prominent physician of Magnolia, N. J., who disappeared from her home five weeks ago, was arrested yesterday in a house occupied by negroes in Philadelphia. With her was Bernard Smith, the negro chauffeur of Dr. Wood, who disappeared with her. She had spent on the negro, the police say, \$1,500 since the elopement, a little over a month ago. Efforts are being made to learn the whereabouts of Dr. Wood. Wood is believed to be somewhere in the west and detectives wish to notify him that Mrs. Wood has been located. Mrs. Wood was one of the most prominent women in Magnolia up to the time of her disappearance June 23. She and Bernard Smith, the negro, are now in Moyamensing prison.

Following the arrival in Washington yesterday of Edward M. Hobson, who is charged with embezzlement from the Hope Live Stock Mutual Benefit Company, and who is alleged to have eloped to New York with Mrs. Raymond Kyle, last week, Mrs. Kyle returned to the city last night and went to the home of her sister. She denies the elopement story and says Hobson is only a friend. She also says she went to New York city to obtain employment. She admits she stopped in the same boarding house at which Hobson was staying because she knew him, and because he was going to aid her in getting something to do. Immediately after arriving in Washington from New York, Hobson was charged by a U. S. deputy marshal, who was taken before Justice Barnard in the District Supreme Court and remanded to jail in default of \$1,000 bail.

### Cloud Burst.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 5.—Enormous loss has been caused and 20 lives are believed to have been lost, in a landslide and cloudburst, that hit Bisbee, Arizona, a town of 25,000 and the metropolis of the Warren mining district. Wires are down so that full particulars are unavailable.

As the town is situated on the sides of two canyons, heavy damage is caused by every flood. Reports say the landslide crashed down into the centre of the town wrecking the postoffice and spreading out, formed a dam which stopped the flood of water of the cloudburst. The loss of life is believed to have occurred in the mountains. Many frame houses were washed away and dozens of persons are missing. For the most part, the supposed victims are Mexicans.

### Today's Telegraphic News

Abdul Hamid Attacked. Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 5.—Sultan Abdul Hamid was stabbed in the breast in his private apartments in the Yildiz Kiosk Monday night, by one of the minor officials of the palace, according to a telegram received here today from Constantinople by one of the leaders of the young Turkish government.

The message says that the only thing that saved the sultan's life was the coat of mail that he wore next to his body. The guards, who quickly followed the assassin into the sultan's room, overpowered him and placed him under arrest. The young man tried to escape the guards but his movements were hindered by a bag of gold that he carried. It is believed that this gold was a bribe paid to him for his deed.

London, Aug. 5.—The reported attack on the life of the sultan Monday night by a palace attaché, is confirmed in messages received here today from Constantinople. The sultan alarmed at the continuing hatred of some of his subjects, has not appeared in public since Monday's attack. The armed generals are to be kept in constant attendance upon him and the sultan himself moves about the palace heavily armed. The agitation against the sultan is the work of the young Turks, who are dissatisfied with his work of reform. They insist that he is not sincere and that the new cabinet is made up of old fossils and conservatives, from whom no appreciable reform can be expected. The young Turks, also, say that the sultan has already violated the constitution in naming ministers of war and marine, he only having the right to appoint the grand vizier and the Sheik Uli Islam.

### Earthquake Victims.

Constantine, Algeria, Aug. 5.—Following the earthquake that yesterday crushed out the lives of from 500 to 1,000 native Algerians in a score of towns, came a reign of terror today inaugurated by bandits, who in their attempts to loot the ruins, have begun battering the defenseless inhabitants, including a number of helpless injured.

French troops, wherever available, have rushed to the defense of the quake victims and are shooting down the outlaws on sight.

Calls have been sent to French garrisons not included in the earthquake zone, to send soldiers to the stricken towns to hold in check the lawless elements.

In scores of towns throughout the province the dead are today being removed from the ruins of the quake. Almost without exception the victims are natives who lived in the poorly constructed quarters of the towns affected. In the substantially built houses but few deaths occurred.

Estimates of the total number of dead are constantly growing as new scenes of havoc are encountered. Two hundred thousand natives are homeless with the problem of caring for them a serious one.

The suburbs of Constantinople suffered greatly and when the ruins are cleared away, it is certain that many bodies will be found.

### Reported Recall.

Constantinople Aug. 5.—It is reported here today that the sultan had recalled the Turkish Ambassador to Washington, Mehmed Ali Bey. It could not be confirmed, though it is generally accepted. Mehmed Ali Bey belongs to the old Turkish regime, all the members of which will probably be dismissed from public service before Abdul Hamid completes the reform of which he has started. Nothing is known as to who will succeed to the post at Washington.

Washington Aug. 5.—As for the report that he is to be recalled as Turkish minister to the United States, Mehmed Ali Bey, the Turkish Minister, said this morning he was uninformed. There is, however, reason to believe that the report is correct, because, as stated in the Constantinople despatch, Mehmed Ali is affiliated with the old regime, which is now being thrown out of office by the sultan in response to the demand of the young Turkish party. At the State Department regret was expressed at the attempted assassination of the sultan although it was accompanied by the comment that in the present state of excitement at the Turkish capital, such an event might be regarded as almost inevitable.

### Airship Destroyed.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—Count Zeppelin's projected 24 hour flight in his huge airship, was again interrupted this morning by the break-down of his motor near Stuttgart, which made it necessary for him to bring his airship to earth. The injury to the motor will require several hours to repair, making it impossible for the count to return to Friedrichshafen within the prescribed time.

Stuttgart, Aug. 5.—Count Zeppelin's airship was completely destroyed this afternoon by an explosion of the motors. The aluminum framework was torn asunder, releasing the big gas bag, which disappeared in the clouds. Four of the workmen were seriously injured. Count Zeppelin escaped. The aluminum hull, torn and twisted beyond further use, is all that remains of the big airship.

Zeppelin was broken hearted over the catastrophe and for a while broke down and wept. A message from Emperor William promising to contribute funds for a new and bigger airship, served to cheer up the count. He announced later that he would immediately begin the construction of a new airship.

### Wants Picture of Gen. Lee Removed.

Redding, Cal., Aug. 5.—A large portrait of General Robert E. Lee was presented recently by a southern lady to the Red Bluff High School, and the picture of the Confederate general was hung on the wall of one of the schoolrooms in a conspicuous place. The Grand Army post of the town took exception to this, and demanded that the picture come down. The school trustees arranged to meet a committee of the old soldiers Monday to hear their arguments. Captain Milburn, Major J. W. Barnett and Colonel C. K. Curtis were a committee appointed to demand that General Lee's picture be removed from the high school. The trustees met, elected a principal and dodged the issue by adjourning at noon and not keeping their appointment with the old soldiers. The trustees are reported as being unanimous in favor of letting General Lee's picture remain where it is.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is especially recommended for children. It tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

### Mr. Bryan.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5.—Ten thousand Bryan and Kern clubs will be formed in the so-called doubtful states, if the plans as approved by Mr. Bryan, are carried. The first steps have been taken. Mr. Bryan has been convinced that through the formation of clubs, he can enlist in the democracy, who many will this year cast their first vote for president. The candidate's speech of acceptance was printed today.

It is a little over 5,000 words in length, or less than one-third the length of Taft's speech. In explaining this, Bryan said he had only dealt with the subjects that were put directly up to him by Taft. He will leave most of the planks of the platform until a later date for discussion. Mr. Bryan has finally approved the plans for his notification next Wednesday. The managers are trying to bring Gov. Sheldon and the republican state officials among the guests. They have agreed to attend an invitation to Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, asking him to attend the notification ceremonies. Mr. Bryan is watching the Iowa situation with great interest. It is believed by his friends that the death of Senator Allison will reopen the entire fight between the radicals and the "stand-patters" and the democrats will benefit thereby.

"Shall the people rule this country. This is the paramount issue of this campaign," declared Wm. J. Bryan, today, in discussing the speech which he will deliver in the capitol grounds here next Wednesday.

### The British Columbia Fires

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—With the financial damage by the great forest fire still placed at \$3,000,000, to \$10,000,000, the estimated number of dead has now dropped to 100 or 150, with probability favoring the latter number. At Fernie, 31 bodies have been dragged from the ruins. A full list will never be compiled, for many were drowned in the streams and others were burned to ashes. Reports that the town of Nichel, where the flames have been fought off for days, has been burned, have just reached here. Stragglers from the burned districts are still coming to Fernie and Cranbrook where the relief sent by provincial and Dominion governments has been as well systematized that fear of famine is practically past.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Frank Brown, a New York detective was drowned today at Atlantic City.

Anthony Drexl, Jr., of Philadelphia, today denied that he is to marry Hatie Forsythe, once fiancée to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

The mechanics of the Canadian Pacific Railroad employed at Winnipeg, Man., struck at ten o'clock this morning. Advances from other towns along the line have not yet been received. A report from Toronto says the men have not yet gone out there.

Oklahoma's blind Senator Thomas P. Gore may be returned to the United States Senate as a result of yesterday's primaries, the first in the new state. Gore was re-nominated by the democrats and Dennis T. Flynn by the republicans. The four democratic congressmen have apparently been re-nominated.

Miss May Emily Sands, daughter of B. Aymar Sands, of New York, is the latest American girl of wealth to decide on a member of England's exclusive circle for a husband. Her engagement to the Hon. Hugh H. Ward, brother of the Earl of Wicklow, has been announced in London.

"No cash, no doctor" is the slogan of an association just formed by the physicians of Atlanta, Ga. Angered by long due bills, the doctors will hire a statistician who will report on the financial standing of those who call for medical aid before the physician answers. If the report be "no cash" the answer will be negative.

Notwithstanding the fact that all the French officials who were concerned in the adoption of the law for the separation of church and state, have been excommunicated, the archbishop of Paris, announced today that President Fallieres, who is under the ban, will be "tolerated," at the marriage of his daughter, Miss Anne, to J. J. E. Lanes, the president's secretary, August 10.

Clad in the vestments in which he had just finished celebrating mass, in the Church of St. Edward the Martyr in New York, the Rev. Edward Neill, was killed by heat today. He had just entered the vestry when he fell over and was dead within an hour. Two other deaths, both those of children, were reported. Scores of hospital calls for prostrations are coming in from all over the city.

The Pythians were again afoot in Boston today. The down town streets were a riot of color during the morning and early afternoon when 15,000 members of subordinate lodges and the sister organizations paraded in variegated costumes with 35 floats upon which individual lodges had exhausted their ingenuity in hope of winning the prizes offered by the Supreme Lodge for superior excellence.

One of the most serious riots in months occurred on the congested East Side, New York, today, when a boy aged 11 years was run down and killed by a Grand street ferry car. Within a minute hundreds of the residents of the vicinity surrounded Wm. Fleisher, the motorman, and a determined effort was made to lynch him. Two policemen held back the mob until the arrival of the reserves.

An attempt to blow up the saloon of Jacob Tessler, in Chicago, and to kill him, his brother, A. L. Tessler, the latter's wife and five children was made early today. A bottle of nitro-glycerin was exploded in the doorway of Tessler's saloon, completely wrecking the front of the place. A. L. Tessler, his wife and five children were asleep in their apartment over the saloon and were rendered unconscious by the concussion, but were not otherwise injured.

Joseph Junger, of Lawder, Okla., was the victim of a bold attempted robbery in the Genesee House, in Washington. He was rudely awakened about 1 o'clock this morning by several men, who asked him to open his room. He requested to be left alone and the men went away. Later he heard a noise, and suddenly his door was pushed in and two men jumped against him. The Oklahoma man grappled with the men, at the same time calling for help. His call brought Policeman W. Farguhar, who arrested one of the men, an employee of the hotel, the other making his escape.

### Missouri Primaries.

St. Louis, Aug. 5.—Returns today from Missouri's first state primary indicate the nomination of William S. Cowherd, of Kansas City, for governor on the democratic ticket. David A. Ball is pressing him more actively than was expected. General Hadley was nominated without opposition by the republicans for governor.

James T. Lloyd, David A. De Armond, Champ Clark and Robert Lamar were all re-nominated by the democrats for Congress. Richard Bartholdt was also re-nominated on the republican ticket.

### Diarrhoea Cured.

"My father has for years been troubled with diarrhoea, and tried every means possible to effect a cure, without avail," writes John H.